

EPA Brownfields Supplemental Assistance

Greenfield, MA

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Quick Reference Fact Sheet

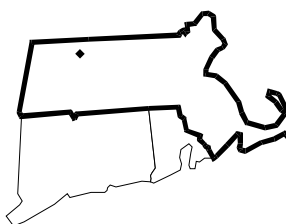
EPA's Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield is a site, or portion thereof, that has actual or perceived contamination and an active potential for redevelopment or reuse. EPA is funding: assessment demonstration pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years), to assess brownfields sites and to test cleanup and redevelopment models; job training pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years), to provide training for residents of communities affected by brownfields to facilitate cleanup of brownfields sites and prepare trainees for future employment in the environmental field; and, cleanup revolving loan fund programs (each funded up to \$500,000 over five years) to capitalize loan funds to make loans for the environmental cleanup of brownfields. These pilot programs are intended to provide EPA, states, tribes, municipalities, and communities with useful information and strategies as they continue to seek new methods to promote a unified approach to site assessment, environmental cleanup, and redevelopment.

BACKGROUND

EPA awarded the Town of Greenfield supplemental assistance for its Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot. Greenfield is the seat of Franklin County and a major regional employment center. The town has experienced a significant decline in its industrial base during the last 20 years, resulting in the abandonment of many older industrial/commercial buildings in the town's center. The town also experienced a 37 percent loss in manufacturing jobs between 1980 and 1990 and estimates that 900 additional jobs were lost between 1990 and 1995.

The supplemental funds will be directed towards additional assessment and cleanup design activities at two sites: (1) the Greenfield Tap & Die (GTD) facility, which is an abandoned 145,000-square-foot machine tool manufacturing plant dating back to the 1870s; and 2) the Winer site, which is a former tool manufacturing building currently used for storage. The town intends to acquire the Winer site to restore flood storage capacity to the Maple Brook watershed.

PILOT SNAPSHOT



Greenfield, Massachusetts

Date of Announcement:
March 2000

Amount: \$120,000

Profile: The Pilot targets two former tool manufacturing plants for additional assessment and cleanup design activities.

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<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>

OBJECTIVES AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Based on a clear mandate from the public, the town's comprehensive redevelopment initiative (dubbed "The Brownfields to Greenfields" program) seeks to encourage and support redevelopment of existing abandoned or underused commercial/industrial sites. The town has made this an economic development priority based on input received in several collaborative planning processes from 1995 through 1999. The town intends to be an active facilitator in cleanup and redevelopment activities and will expedite such activities through a streamlined assessment phase. The GTD and Winer properties are both targeted under the town's initiative. For both of these sites, the Pilot will finalize assessment and design activities to enable commencement of cleanup activities.

To accomplish these objectives, the Pilot plans to:

- Conduct further assessment investigations at the GTD site;
- Conduct a bioremediation study of cleanup alternatives at the GTD site; and
- Develop a risk characterization report for the swarf area of the GTD site.

The cooperative agreement for this Pilot has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.